

would be obvious to add a second belt to Bratten in view of Bahrs.

Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Bratten shows an open tank filter of the type described in the specification, in which a chain conveyor is circulated within the tank, with a return path across the top of the tank.

A disposable media introduced at one end is frictionally driven across the perforate section by advance of the chain conveyor, the disposable media exiting to be collected at the other end of the tank.

Bahr is concerned with a different type of device for dewatering sludge. A pair of recirculating belts are utilized to squeeze sludge to remove the water.

It is urged that Bahr does not in any way suggest the addition of a continuous permanent filter belt to the arrangement of Bratten, which is driven by the chain conveyor but which is recirculated in a path diverging from the path of the chain conveyor, i.e., beneath the tank while the chain conveyor is recirculated back across the top of the tank.

The teachings of these two patents are substantially unrelated in their basics.

Accordingly, claim 1 is urged not be suggested by a collective consideration of these references, as is thus patentable over the prior art cited, and hence that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Submitted herewith are formal drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

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